

# Ahmad in The Holy Quran

## Its Meaning - Allah Will Perfect His Noor

### The Meaning Of Noor Explained

Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV on December 22, 1995 at Fazal Mosque, London U.K.

After reciting *Tashahhud* and *Ta'awwuz* Huzur recited *Surah Fatihah* and verses 8-10 of *Surah al-Saff* whose translation is given below:

But who could do greater wrong than one who forges the lie against Allah while he is called to Islam? Allah guides not the wrongdoing people.

They desire to extinguish the light of Allah with the breath of their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, even if the disbelievers hate it.

He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it.

Before discussing these verses, I would like to make a few announcements. First is about the

*Jalsa Salana* of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Nigeria which will be starting today and ending on 24th of December. Second is the *Jalsa Salana* of West Coast U.S.A. starting today. By the grace of God, Mr. M.M. Ahmad, the Amir of U.S.A. has also reached there. I wanted to make this important announcement because he was very sick during the past few days and I have been requesting prayers for him. Now, by the grace of Allah, he has recovered and he has been granted him so much strength that he travelled from Washington to Los Angeles and will be attending the *Jalsa*.

Then there is annual *Tarbiyyati Ijtima'a* of Jama'at Holland which is starting today and will continue for next three days. Jama'at Ahmadiyya Switzerland is also holding a *Tarbiyyati Ijtima'a* starting today which will continue till 25th December. Majlis Ansarullah Indonesia is holding their *Ijtima'a* and *Shoora* starting from today. The first two

days will be devoted to *Ijtima'a* and *Shoora* will be held on the final day. Majlis Ansarullah Norway is holding their fifth *Majlis Shoora* on Sunday the 24th of December.

The Amirs of all these countries have requested to convey *As-salamo Alaikum* to the Jama'ats of the whole world and request for prayers for success of their gatherings and Allah bless them abundantly and which may be everlasting and not momentary.

The last request has been made by the Amir of Germany that I should once again remind the brothers about *tabligh* in today's Friday sermon because my past sermon had produced good results. This is a subject which is direly needed to be discussed. The Amir of Germany along with his colleagues has started shouldering the responsibilities of *tabligh* very diligently. He is visiting every *Jama'at* and group of *Jama'ats* and personally taking stock of

their *tabligh* programs. Thus a gigantic campaign has started in Germany in which Ahmadis of German *Jama'ats* are participating. He wrote to me and talked on telephone also that he desired me to say directly on the subject which will have healthy effect on their campaign.

This is a fact that there is little force in *Tabriks* of other people as compared to *Tabriks* launched by a Khalifa of Jama'at Ahmadiyya and people flock and rush spontaneously towards them. By the grace of God, this is also a proof and validation of the need of *Khilafat-i-Ahmadiyya* which can not be refuted either by reason or by example.

Throughout the world, no voice has been given the might by Allah that whenever it is sounded, not only it is spontaneously supported and obeyed in every corner of the world, but the whole body comes forward as if the story of submitting to Adam is being restated. I mean to say that apart from *shirk*, (polytheism) whatever *sajdah* to Adam is lawful, is related to *Khilafat*.

I have given the example also in these meanings. This was necessary for the true *Khilafat-i-Ahmadiyya* that Allah created the same tendency of submission which was for Adam in this sense. It meant that it was the submission to the voice of God, therefore, follow him and this is our vast experience.

I remember when I delivered the sermon wherein I tried to arouse the Jama'at of Canada, I received such a large number of letters from men, women and children that I was very much surprised. They begged pardon of their past lapses. Now there is a sort of excitement in the Jama'at. Every young and old is trying to find avenues of *tabligh* and a large number of them have already involved themselves in the task.

Therefore, from this point of view, the opinion of Mr. Abdullah Wagashauser, the Amir of Germany is quite appropriate. But you may call it a happy coincidence or divine plan that the verses I have recited were selected previously. Their turn was here at this place. The series of sermons being delivered about *Noor* (light), for which I had arranged the verses, and today's verses were under my view.

In these verses, *tabligh* has been mentioned. Now, in this connection, whether Amir Jama'at Germany did remind me or not, I was to discuss these verses in my sermon.

The first verse says that anyone who is being called towards Islam and he is telling lies about God, will never succeed. He is surely a wrongdoer. Therefore, if someone is calling towards God and says that Allah has sent him and converses with him also but on the other hand, people ask him to convert Muslim and insist on it, but he sticks to his claim, and suc-

ceeds, then surely he stands on truth. It is because Allah never favours the unjust who are never successful.

After asserting this proof, it goes on to say that this will come to pass but opponents will surely try to extinguish the light with the breath of their mouth which has been lighted by Allah. But conversely, *mun azlama* has been related thus that anyone who comes from God and is falsely incriminated and one may say that he is an impostor, or called a fraudulent person or telling lies about God, is surely the most unjust provided you are correct. Allah is sufficient to deal with him.

But if your claim is not correct, then your opposition to him is mere breath of your mouth and the lamp lighted by Allah can not be put out by mere breath of mouth. Do what you like, you will not succeed in stifling the voice which came from God whom you think to be an impostor.

This is the topic mentioned in the verse, "they desire to extinguish the light of Allah with the *breath* of their mouths. But Allah will perfect His light even if the disbelievers hate it. It means that disbelievers may not like it, but it will serve them no good. Here *Noor* (light) means the religion of Islam. Therefore, I had selected this verse to discuss which verse proves Islam as *Noor* (light) and in what meanings. As a result of it, what is the responsibility of

Jama'at Ahmadiyya regarding spreading of this light and what is the glad tidings that has been given in this regard.

The glad tidings are:

He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it.

It means that it is Allah Who has sent Mohammad, the Messenger of Allah with guidance and true religion with the intention to positively prevail on all the religions even if the polytheists may not like it. Therefore, this prophecy was to be fulfilled during the time of Jama'at Ahmadiyya. It is because the verses in *Surah Al-Saff* are related to the prophecy of Jesus Christ and this subject is being discussed in its continuation.

As Jesus Christ had said that Ahmad, who was to come, is Mohammad (peace be upon him). But the same Ahmad had another manifestation that in complete obedience of the same Ahmad, dyeing himself in the same hue, a prototype was to come in the latter days. People would have said about him that he was an impostor. In these verses, the argument is given that if he is an impostor, how will God permit him to prosper. Opponents will say that he announced false claims, and we summoned him towards Islam also.

Therefore, this man who is being summoned is surely not the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). This verse is the positive proof as I have diverted one topic towards another, because no one ever summoned the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) towards Islam. Therefore, in this verse, that magnificence of Ahmad is being mentioned which was to appear in the latter days. He was to claim that Allah had sent him to which people would have retorted that he was an impostor and a charlatan and they invite him to Islam.

But this was the man who was to be the protector of Islam, the most loyal servant, whom God would have chosen. Therefore, this prophecy has been magnificently fulfilled in detail in the form of Jama'at Ahmadiyya after the advent of the Promised Messiah.

Even today, when Maulvis are furious and publish letters in the press that they are inviting Mirza Tahir Ahmad towards Islam. Now this was the same thing which their ancestors did with the Promised Messiah in their time. This is the prophecy which is secured in the Holy Quran and is being fulfilled today as it was fulfilled a century ago.

The man whom you are summoning towards Islam is the same person who is the representative of Islam in the world. If you will come under his banner, only then

you will be called *Islami*, otherwise your link with Islam will be severed. You should understand its significance and if you won't, it will be to your own detriment. But you may do whatever you like, the final verdict of God will surely prevail. None of your attempt or design will be able to alter the divine plan.

These ignorant people think that they will be able to extinguish the light which is the divine lamp and has been illuminated by God. This is final and absolute decision of Allah which He will surely carry out. But what is the meaning of *Allah will perfect His light*? From here we should proceed further in our discussion.

First thing is that the light, the light of Islam, which descended in the person of the Holy Prophet and in the form of the Holy Quran became the two names of the same person. That light was completed in the shape of its attributes. Now what is the meaning of fulfilment of *Noor*? This is the second meaning which Allah has explained in the next verse. It means that this *Noor* is complete, but the completion has other meanings too. One meaning is that it should subdue all other religions. It may envelop the whole earth and no place should be left where this *Noor* has not radiated

This is one of the meanings of completion of *Noor* and Allah says:



He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it.

In what form this superiority was to take place? It meant the superiority of The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and his *Noor* which was to take place over other religions. But now after fourteen centuries, that unlucky part of humanity which is refuting Islam and its *Noor*, is numerically much more than Muslims.

The number of Muslims in the world is not more than 25% of all the inhabitants of the world. So far, Islam has not subdued other religions. How was it destined and by whom it was to be. In this connection I would like to present some references of the past saints so that I may explain my point with references of those saints of whom no Mulla dares to contradict and whose sanctity is admitted by them.

Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Isma'eel Shaheed is very much revered in India and a large number of people in Pakistan and India believe him to be a great saint and *Mujaddid* of his time. He says:

It is obvious that this religion was started by the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), but it will be completed at the hands of Hazrat Mahdi. (*Mansab-i-Imamat*, by

Maulana Mohammad Isma'eel Shaheed p. 70, printed at A'eena-i-Adab, Chowk Meenar, Anarkali, Lahore, 1967.)

The glad tidings mentioned here is linked with the time of *Mahdi* and this time of fulfilment will be in his days.

Hazrat Imam Fakhruddin Razi (peace be upon him) writing about a tradition says:

It is related by Hazrat Abu Hurairah (peace be upon him) that there is a promise in this verse that Allah will grant superiority to Islam over all religions and this promise will be fulfilled during the time of the Promised Messiah and *Sudee* says that this promise will be fulfilled during the time of Promised Mahdi. (*Tafseer Razee*, Part No. 16, while doing *tafseer* of Surah Taubah on p.40 discussing the word *hazaa* under the heading *al-wajha-al-thanee*)

Thus, the greatest *Mofasssareen* (exegetes) saints of their time, who lived hundreds of years ago understood the meaning of this verse that this promise will positively be fulfilled during the time of the Promised Messiah or the Promised Mahdi.

Then, it is written in *Tafsir Rooh al-Ma'aani*:

Majority of exegetes concur that this promise will be fulfilled

filled during the time of the Promised Messiah. (*Tafsir Rooh al-Ma'aani*, Part 10, Surah Taubah, p. 77, under the said verse).

But the actual words that are written are: *'inda nazool Eesa 'alaihi assalaam*. But the translator has written *Masih Mau'ood*. This means that it has been translated by some Ahmadi and according to him, *Eesa* and *Masih* are the names of the same person and as the term *Masih Mau'ood* is prevalent, he translated as such. But according to me, this method of translation is not correct. The translation must be verbatim. In the definition, it should be explained that as the former *Masih* has died and the *Promised Messiah* will be like him, therefore, we are justified to conclude that this prophecy relates to the Promised Messiah.

(Therefore, in future, when these translations are presented, please see to the correction or do it. This translation is not done by me and was done some time in the past which has been picked up by our Private Secretary.)

So, the translation that most exegetes agree is, that the supremacy of Islam over other religions will be after the descent of Jesus Christ. Now whether they believe in The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) or not, they will have to agree that this promise relates to the Messiah who is to come. As we know and believe that the Christ who was to come

has already come, therefore, this testimony has proved true for us. Therefore, it is the duty of every Ahmadi that he should discharge his duties due to the fulfilment of the prophecies in the person of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

It is written in *Tafseer Qurtabi*:

Hazrat Abu Hurairah and Zuhak say that this promise will be fulfilled at the time of descent of *Masih* and Sudee says at the time of appearance of Mahdi. (*Tafseer Qurtabi*, Part 8, Surah Tauba, explaining this verse, p. 131)

Now, I revert to my previous topic. Allah has committed, "I shall fulfil My promise", or will complete it. To fully complete it, He had made the Promised Mahdi and the Promised Messiah as its means since creation who was to receive this honour in the subordination of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) and this promise was to be fulfilled in his time. By fulfilling this prophecy, his followers should achieve the goal of their creation.

Jama'at Ahmadiyya has a goal which is to complete the *Noor* of Mohammad Mustafa (peace be upon him). This is in the sense that I have defined above i.e. to make it supreme over all the religions and not on a single religion. From this point of view, the spreading of this *Noor* is destined to be through us and it is not possible till we have a share in it.

This is not a discussion of supremacy through argumentation. The supremacy of *Noor* is something separate and that is why it has been presented with reference to the *Noor* of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) because The Promised Messiah has repeatedly explained that *Noor* of The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) is everlasting and is alive even today.

When we say that the Holy Prophet is a Living Messenger, we do not say in the meaning of the polytheists, but in the meaning of the true statement that has been said in the Holy Quran about his status.

What is that *Noor* that will be supreme? That is the name of attributes which I have proved in my past sermons with references of the Quranic verses. The attributes of God Almighty which shone in the person of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) that he became *Noor* personified and this is the *Noor* which will gain supremacy. There is no controversy of arguments about it. This *Noor* is the *Noor* of character. When this *Noor* shines, it grants light to the eyes of onlookers. It transforms dark into light and nights into days.

There is another verse which sheds light on the subject in the following manner. The verse says:

Can he, who was dead and We gave him life and made for him a light whereby he walks among men, be like

him whose condition is that he is in utter darkness whence he cannot come forth? Thus have the doings of the disbelievers been made to seem fair to them.

So think and say that he who is dead, whom We gave life and made for him a light whereby he walks among men, can his example be like the one who stumbles in the dark whence he cannot come forth? Therefore, the *Noor* of Mohammad The Holy Prophet, the news of whose supremacy, has been given is explained thus that it has the capability to give life to the dead. When Allah gives life to this kind of dead, he grants him the *Noor* and he takes it to the people and everyone recognizes him due to it. This is the *Noor* whose dominance has been promised.

Therefore, if Jama'at Ahmadiyya has to do *tabligh*, they will definitely have to partake of this *Noor*. This is our duty assigned, a duty from which nobody is excepted. Small children can also do *tabligh* according to their capacity and they actually are doing it. By the grace of God, their innocent talk deeply impresses other children. But I have noticed that those who keep on arguing with prejudiced Christians, mostly do not achieve happy results. But those who influence due to their character, have a favourable impression on these children. They call them to their homes and then they become changed people.



They develop love for Islam from the very childhood.

Only yesterday some school children came to see me. Three of them were Christians and three Ahmadis. The Christian children said that Ahmadi children were their friends and seeing them, they also had a desire to see me. I was surprised to see them and found their way of talking and their behaviour was very refined. It seemed that they had already formed a link. Therefore, children also have capacity to do *tabligh*. Due to their good deeds and good model, they can bring light to their environment provided they themselves are in light. Therefore, the important condition is light.

When *Noor* is the condition, then whatever distance you will traverse, will be the journey of *Noor*. Wherever, you will go, you will be granted power to quicken the dead as Allah has said, that it is Allah Who does this thing. When a dead is quickened, he gets *Noor*. Therefore, there are two aspects in it which I place before you.

The German Jama'at has repeatedly raised the question as to how to do *Tarbiyyat* of these people. They have already taken a lot of effective steps. But the main step of *Tarbiyyat* is the same that has been mentioned in this verse and that is that if you will quicken someone with the *Noor* which has been granted to you by God Almighty, then the quickened person will surely partake of that *Noor*. But, if you will try to do it

with argumentation, then with its blow, he can be distanced also. But if someone gets *Noor* of Allah, he can never move away.

Therefore, at first, develop in you that glow, and enlighten your demeanour with which you have to conquer the world. Be a lighted lamp seeing which, people should throng like the *Parwanas* rushing to the lighted lamp out of their hollows. Allah grants wings even to those who do not know flying. They develop so intense love for that *Noor* that they rush towards it and even sacrifice their lives for it. (Literally *Parwana* is a symbolic term in Urdu for a moth compared to the lover who rushes towards the burning lamp, which is its beloved and hovers around it and ultimately gives his life by throwing himself on the flame i.e. its beloved).

As a result of love for that *Noor*, which is generated in their hearts, such children are born who grow and develop and become source for their everlasting life. The arrangement of their birth is linked with this *Noori* love.

So, you will also have to become the *Noor*, that moths spontaneously rush towards you. No voice can divert their direction from the lamp towards which they are rushing. It is impossible that some instigators or doubters create qualms in their hearts that the lamp will burn them and it was something dangerous, and they will have to offer sacrifices and better not go towards it.

But let others do what they like, they have to go towards the lamp. As the dwellers in the dark, who have capability of recognizing the *Noor*, have a bond of love which overcomes all sorts of argumentation. In this connection, I would like to recite before you an Urdu verse which is beautiful and very convincing and it says:

O you preacher, did you say I should not go in the alley of my beloved?

No! I am ready to be humiliated by the public, but I shall surely go there.

Therefore, my reply to those who say that a Maulvi dissuaded them, or the Turk Ulama deterred them, or Afghan Ulama obstructed them, or the Ulama who knew Bosnian or Albanian language inhibited them, is that if they do *tabligh* with the *Noor* and temper the *Noor* of their disposition, then there will be no one who could dissuade them. They will be like the lover of the verse who said:

No! I am ready to be humiliated by the public, but I shall surely go there.

By the grace of God, such people have come, that on the one hand, such negative news are received, but on the other hand, such positive and heart warming news are coming and such incidents are conveyed to me that Ulama approached new convert Bosnians

and tried to stop them, but they replied, "From whom you are stopping us? Beware never come to us. We have seen the light and have found what we were exploring. Do what you like, but we shall not revert. We shall surely go with them".

These are the people, who are preparing others to march with them. The more are the shouts, "Do not go, do not tread that path" more is the trend of coming towards this way. Those who have seen the *Noor*, who have tasted the *Noor* of Ahmadiyyat, their world has changed. Their signs have also changed. One is surprised to meet them. Some are so loyal that it seems that they are well trained or born Ahmadi. Some exceed even these people.

*Noor* has the capacity to quicken, because it is *Noor* of Mustafa. If it is not *Noor* of Mustafa, it is meaningless and worthless. *Noor* of Mustafa, will after all have to be taken from Mohammad Mustafa the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) alone. This is the same *Noor* which has been mentioned in the Holy Quran at another place that it uniquely glowed in the representation of God. He was the sole person in whom Allah's *Noor* glowed and in a twinkling of an eye, it shone in families about whom God had decided that He will keep on always increasing their rank and status.

This era has once again returned and the same *Noor* will win whose victory we witnessed in the

past. This *Noor* had the capability to multiply. The same capability is alive today because that *Noor* is alive. Therefore, grasp it and the obstacles in the way of your *tabligh* will vanish from your way.

Only yesterday, I have received a letter about a lady who is illiterate and does not know reading or writing. But she has accepted Ahmadiyyat as absolute truth and since then she has fallen in love with it. She is doing *tabligh* in the whole town. Similarly, Amir Sahib of Germany had introduced a Bosnian lady and we are receiving news about her that she has fallen in love with the *Noor* of Ahmadiyyat and Islam and is busy spreading this *Noor* all around.

Therefore, you should light lamp from another lamp and this secret has been conveyed to us by the Holy Quran. If you convert someone to Ahmadiyyat who possesses no insight and had not fallen in love by seeing other lamps, and it is you who have pulled him under the lamp, there is no guarantee that he will always remain with you. If someone comes and dissuades him to go away from the lamp, he will accompany him.

But a lover can not be distanced. He who saw the light and shared it and glowed with it, he pulls others also. Therefore, this is the lesson of genuine *tabligh* taught by the Holy Quran which has been linked especially with the Promised Messiah and his *Jama'at*. It is said that if you understand this

secret, you will surely prevail, because it is God's verdict that the light of the Holy Prophet Mohammad is going to dominate over the whole world. Therefore, you should pay attention towards *tabligh* from this point of view.

I would like to tell you that Generally speaking, by the grace of God, *Jama'at Ahmadiyya*, Germany is getting extraordinary chances of *tabligh*. There is another aspect of lighting one lamp from another. By looking at a preacher, (*Da'ee ilallah*) some one else gets the *Noor* and himself becomes (*Da'ee ilallah*) and looking at him others also go on joining them and this work is being carried out on a large scale. But still I think that among them, there is a large number who have not fully participated. If at all joined, they have not buffed themselves so much that they may be called reflectors of the *Noor*. Therefore, simultaneous attention must be paid from both aspects. Be such lamps which may not demand proof or argument. Proof itself is light, but it concerns another topic about which I shall *Insha Allah* talk later at some proper time.

The genuine proof is also *Noor*, but the *Noor* which is being discussed here is the *Noor* of the person of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). It is said that *He may cause it to prevail over all religions*. The unjust are trying to extinguish the *Noor* of this and are spreading rumours against it, and trying to blow it

out with the breath of their mouths. They know not that this is Allah's *Noor* and He has lighted it and He is going to make it dominate and no power on earth can thwart it.

When I talk about *Noor* from this point of view, it is the primary source of *tabligh*. Therefore invoking *Darood* on the Holy Prophet, pray from Allah the Almighty to grant us also a portion of the attributes of the Holy Prophet according to our strength and capacity. Grant us the attributes of the Holy Prophet that glowed in his companions so that we may also shine like them. Grant us the strength to do this splendid job in our time that we may dominate the *Noor* of religion of Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa (peace be upon him) over every other faith.

This is such a gigantic project that thinking of it, hair stand on ends. Perhaps, such a grand project has never been entrusted to any other people in subordination of any prophet, as it has been entrusted to us, the Jama'at Ahmadiyya, in the servitude of Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa, who are his slaves. We are required to change the world and revolutionise it and change every dark into light and make it shine so much that world is forced to admit that this *Noor* has spread in every nook and corner.

This is the final *Noor* of Mustafa for whose domination, we the crazy ones have been chosen. As

long as we do not develop craze in us, we can neither understand the topic of love nor can we generate in us the hue of *Parwana*. You might have noticed that when a *Parwana* burns itself, it consumes in the form of *Noor* in the shape of producing a tiny light. Therefore, even if you have to sacrifice your lives, burn yourself in the *Noor* of Mohammad Mustafa and be proud of it because this *Noor* will become everlasting for you after your death. Therefore, *Noor* can not be helped which is the best way of *tabligh*. May Allah grant us strength to do it.

After this message, I want to place briefly some things before you about MTA. I will talk about it in detail at some other time. But this is some thing important that conspiracies were going on against MTA for the past some time and gigantic efforts were being made that we may be stranded and even if we wanted, we may not be able to get a replacement. But this is also a divine favour and it also concerns *Noor* that when Allah sees circumstances of which we are unaware, then He jolts and diverts their attention to make alternate arrangements.

It was a year ago when Allah put some uneasiness in my mind that the present system can not be trusted and Jama'at Ahmadiyya can not be left to a single person's discretion. Therefore, immediate alternate arrangements must be started. Apparently, hurdles were like striking against a rock. But I had firm faith and am still certain

that this is a divine organization. Difficulties may be insurmountable, but our duty is to strive according to our limits. Then it is up to Allah to open up avenues for us.

So did it occur. At every hurdle, an avenue opened and pursuing it, some difficulties cropped up. Then some other avenues opened up till those challenges that were breeding like insects inwardly, which were ready to explode like germs. But Allah solved our problems before their emergence. When things will be finalized, I shall let you know what will be its future procedure. For the present, suffice it to say that there are difficulties at the time of change in every organization like the teething problems. But if the post problem era is much better than pre-problem time, these hurdles look to be very tiny.

Therefore, rest assured that Allah will change the present system into a better one. Please keep on praying also for it and the Jama'ats on whom there are some obligations they should fulfil them also.

I hope, by the grace of Allah, this arrangement will prove much better with global advantages and in future, we shall be able to carry on our programs satisfactorily. The complaints of closing of transpondents, converting to some other program, changing the sermon into some other program, voice disconnection, sudden swinging of everything for which



direction of antennas had to be changed or interrupting the religious programs with dirty Indian songs etc. were complaints that had become unbearable.

Therefore, after prayer, trusting in Allah I decided that either these complaints will have to be removed or television should be discontinued for some time. Trusting in God, that He will provide better arrangement, our team got opportunity to make fruitful efforts and our new arrangements have been finalized. Maybe we may have to face some temporary gaps like we shall have to content ourselves for three hours instead of twelve for Pakistan and other Asian countries. But it will not be for too long. May be it will be for three or four months and not more.

After this, new arrangement will compensate the past trouble and *Insha Allah* twenty four hour programs will start instead of twelve hour. Therefore, remember that God granted us so many blessings, and if some thing bitter has to be tasted, we should bear it with patience and feelings of gratefulness. There should not be heaps of complaints

Even now, I received complaints from a number of countries of "what has happened, voice has stopped, obscene films have starting showing up". I wrote back to them that they had good intentions, and the spiritual table which God had set for them, of which they are habituated must

continue un-interrupted. But they should not be restive so much that it should transform into un-gratefulness.

Let me relate to you story of a king and his slave who had risen to the rank of a minister. He was very dear to the king. But the jealous used to complain against him. Once the king resolved to decide it for good as to who was good and why. In the full court, he gave slice of a cantaloupe about which he had ascertained that it was extremely bitter and unpalatable. Some times, the fruits do become bitter on their vines if they are not irrigated in time. When the slave received the slice, he ate it and enjoyed it fully. He profusely thanked the king for his favours and generosity of offering him the fruit and ate the whole of it.

He presented the second slice to the chief of other group who used to criticize him. On the first bite, he threw it away and did not even regard the court etiquette saying that he had never eaten such tasteless and bitter fruit in his whole life.

The king said, he knew all about it. "Look at this minister, and the slice from the same cantaloup was given to him but his reaction was quite different and contrary to yours." Then he turned towards the slave minister, "What was the matter that you exhibited no unfavourable reaction while eating this bitter slice and ate the whole of it". He said, "Your Majesty!

Your favours are innumerable on me. I have relished sweet slices the whole life from you. I am not the wretch that if a bitter slice comes from you, I start spitting it."

Hearing this answer, the king addressed the other group saying, "Look, this is the difference between you and this slave minister. It is the grateful who are granted the greatness and nobility. Therefore, all the favours granted to us by God, were not due to our deeds. Ignorant are those who think that it was due our efforts that those favours were granted to us. It is God, Who is the Master and All Powerful. He is to shower his blessings and favours from wherever He likes.

If temporary trials come, we should remain steadfast and be grateful to Him. We should give thought to the fact that how great was His blessing and now, if it is not there, how uneasy we are. Then we shall come to know how blessings are appreciated. Your mind should be diverted towards the fact that we have spent such a long time in ungratefulness and did not feel what Allah had granted to us. When His blessings will descend will be limitless.

I have already stated that no power on earth can stop the divine graces from us. This is the verdict of God. This lamp can not be put out with the breath of mouths which has been lighted for the supremacy of the religion of Mohammad Mustafa.